

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CCTV CAMERAS IN JAILS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether CCTV cameras have been installed in all jails except in the women jail in Tihar jail;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by when CCTV cameras are likely to be installed in women jails;
- (d) the total number of suicide cases committed by women in various jails during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (e) the action taken by the Government against each suicide case; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to check such incident in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): A total number of 258 CCTV are to be installed in the all Jails including the women's jail in Delhi. Out of 258 CCTVs to be installed, 196 have already been installed. Out of 10 cameras to be installed in the women jail, 8 have already been installed. The entire work is likely to be completed by 15th March 2008.

(d): No case of suicide of female inmates was reported in prisons from any part of the country during 2004. During 2005, 3 cases of female prisoner suicides – one each from Assam, Kerala and Maharashtra were reported. Data for the year 2006 is yet to be received from Goa, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, however, as per the data available with National Crime Records Bureau, 4 cases of female prisoner suicides – one each from Assam, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan have been reported during 2006.

(e) & (f): "Prisons" is a state subject under list II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and Prison Administration is responsibility of the State Governments. The Model Prison Manual circulated to all State Governments for adoption in 2004 indicates the specific action to be taken when suicides are attempted in jails and also precautions against prisoners with suicidal tendencies which include the following:-

- 1) When a suicide takes place in a prison the Jail Superintendent and the Medical Officer are required to immediately inspect the body. If there are chances that the person is still alive immediate medical treatment is required to be given for revival without any delay.
- 2) Knives, ropes and other tools used in work sheds which could be used by prisoners for attempting suicide are required to be locked up by the warders every day.
- 3) Prisoners with apparently suicidal tendencies are required to be carefully watched and not left alone in a cell.